

REMARKS

Claims 1-15, 17-22, 24 and 25 are pending in the application. Claims 17-22, 24 and 25 stand allowed. Claims 1-15 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-10 and 11-17 of copending Application No. 09/976,326 in view of Lourette et al. (U.S. 5,978,016). A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) is filed herewith to overcome this rejection.

It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that in view of the above amendments and remarks, that this application is now in condition for allowance, prompt notice of which is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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